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Administrative Rules Review Committee

9:30 a.m., Room 116, Statehouse

Friday, October 14, 2011

Revenue Estimating Conference

10:00 a.m., Room 103, Supreme Court Chamber, Statehouse

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council

Time to be announced; University of Iowa, Iowa City

Monday, October 24, 2011

Mental Health and Disability Services Study Committee

10:00 a.m., Second Floor, Former Library, Ola Babcock Miller Building

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Lake Macbride Study Committee

10:00 a.m., Room 103, Supreme Court Chamber, Statehouse

Wednesday, November 9, and Thursday, November 10, 2011

Public Retirement Systems Committee

10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Room 103, Supreme Court Chamber, Statehouse

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee

10:00 a.m., Room 116, Statehouse

State Fish and Game Protection Fund Study Committee

10:00 a.m., Room 102, Supreme Court Consultation Room, Statehouse

State Government Efficiency Review Committee

9:00 a.m., Room 103, Supreme Court Chamber, Statehouse

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mental Health and Disability Services Study Committee

8:30 a.m., Second Floor, Former Library, Ola Babcock Miller Building

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INFORMATION REGARDING SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Administrative Rules Review Committee

Chairperson: Senator Wally Horn

Vice Chairperson: Representative Dawn Pettengill

Location: Room 116, Statehouse

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 11, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Contact Persons: Joe Royce, LSA Counsel, (515) 281-3084; Jack Ewing, LSA Counsel, (515) 281-6048.

Agenda: Published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin:

<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/BulletinSupplement/bulletinListing.aspx>

Fiscal Committee of the Legislative Council

Co-Chairperson: Senator Robert Dvorsky

Co-Chairperson: Representative Scott Raecker

Location: University of Iowa, Iowa City

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 18, 2011, Time to be announced.

Contact Persons: Sue Lerdal, Fiscal Services, (515) 281-7794; Dave Reynolds, Fiscal Services, (515) 281-6934; Tim McDermott, Legal Services, (515) 281-8090; John Pollak, Legal Services, (515) 281-3818.

Agenda: To be announced.

Internet Page: <http://www.legis.iowa.gov/Schedules/committee.aspx?GA=84&CID=46>

Mental Health and Disability Services Study Committee

Co-Chairperson: Senator Jack Hatch

Co-Chairperson: Representative Renee Schulte

Location: Second Floor, Former Library, Ola Babcock Miller Building

Date & Time: Monday, October 24, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Contact Persons: John Pollak, Legal Services, (515) 281-3818; Patty Funaro, Legal Services, (515) 281-3040; Rachele Hjelmaas, Legal Services, (515) 281-8127.

Agenda: Review of financial information.

Internet Page: <http://www.legis.iowa.gov/Schedules/committee.aspx?GA=84&CID=541>

Lake Macbride Study Committee

Co-Chairperson: Senator Dennis Black

Co-Chairperson: Representative Jeff Kaufmann

Location: Room 103, Supreme Court Chamber, Statehouse

Date & Time: Thursday, November 3, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Contact Persons: Ann Ver Heul, Legal Services, (515) 281-3837; Doug Adkisson, Legal Services, (515) 281-3884; Andrew Ward, Legal Services, (515) 725-2251.

Agenda: To be announced.

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Public Retirement Systems Committee

Co-Chairperson: Senator Jack Kibbie

Co-Chairperson: Representative Dawn Pettengill

Location: Room 103, Supreme Court Chamber, Statehouse

Dates & Times: Wednesday, November 9, 2011, 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, November 10, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Contact Persons: Ed Cook, Legal Services, (515) 281-3994; Andrew Ward, Legal Services, (515) 725-2251; Rick Nelson, Legal Services, (515) 242-5822.

Agenda: To be announced.

Internet Page: <http://www.legis.iowa.gov/Schedules/committee.aspx?CID=57>

Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee

Co-Chairperson: Senator Joe Bolkcom

Co-Chairperson: Representative Thomas Sands

Location: Room 116, Statehouse

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Contact Persons: Michael Duster, Legal Services, (515) 281-4800; Susan Crowley, Legal Services, (515) 281-3430.

Agenda: To be announced.

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State Fish and Game Protection Fund Study Committee

Co-Chairperson: Senator Dennis Black

Co-Chairperson: Representative Henry Rayhons

Location: Room 102, Supreme Court Consultation Room

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Contact Persons: Doug Adkisson, Legal Services, (515) 281-3884; Ann Ver Heul, Legal Services, (515) 281-3837; Jack Ewing, Legal Services, (515) 281-6048.

Agenda: To be announced.

Internet Page: <http://www.legis.iowa.gov/Schedules/committee.aspx?CID=543>

State Government Efficiency Review Committee

Co-Chairperson: Senator Jeff Danielson

Co-Chairperson: Representative Peter Cownie

Location: Room 103, Supreme Court Consultation Room

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Contact Persons: Rick Nelson, Legal Services, (515) 242-5822; Andrew Ward, Legal Services, (515) 725-2251; Ed Cook, Legal Services, (515) 281-3994.

Agenda: To be announced.

Internet Page: <http://www.legis.iowa.gov/Schedules/committee.aspx?GA=84&CID=540>

Mental Health and Disability Services Study Committee

Co-Chairperson: Senator Jack Hatch

Co-Chairperson: Representative Renee Schulte

Location: Second Floor, Former Library, Ola Babcock Miller Building

Date & Time: Thursday, November 17, 2011, 8:30 a.m.

Contact Persons: John Pollak, Legal Services, (515) 281-3818; Patty Funaro, Legal Services, (515) 281-3040; Rachele Hjelmaas, Legal Services, (515) 281-8127.

Agenda: To be announced.

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INMATE GERIATRIC AND PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS STUDY COMMITTEE

September 28, 2011

Co-Chairperson: Senator Tom Hancock

Co-Chairperson: Representative Gary Worthan

Background. The Legislative Council established an interim study committee requested in 2011 Iowa Acts, S.F. 510, to examine treatment and placement options for inmate geriatric and psychiatric patients who are under the care, custody, and control of the state, or for patients who are otherwise housed at the Iowa Medical and Classification Center (IMCC) at Oakdale or other correctional facilities for geriatric or psychiatric treatment. A related study by the departments of Corrections (DOC), Human Services (DHS), Inspections and Appeals, and Public Health required by S.F. 510 is also to be submitted to the Study Committee by November 15, 2011.

Introduction. The first meeting of the Inmate Geriatric and Psychiatric Patients Study Committee was held at the IMCC in Coralville, Iowa. The Committee elected Senator Hancock and Representative Worthan Co-Chairpersons. The Committee toured the facilities of the IMCC relating to the charge of the Committee, including the medical and reception facilities, and the forensic hospital.

Department of Human Services. Mr. Charles Palmer, Director of the DHS, stated it is vital that the DOC and DHS cooperate when treating these difficult populations. He emphasized that the DOC has provided care to psychiatric patients within the walls of the IMCC who otherwise would be placed at a state Mental Health Institute (MHI) because the forensic hospital provides greater structure and a higher level of security. He noted DHS does operate a highly structured Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders (CCUSO), but the persons civilly committed to the CCUSO are not physically violent towards staff or each other. Director Palmer suggested that if some of these patients and inmates are placed in a facility funded by the Medicaid Program, then Medicaid would pay approximately 60 percent of the costs of the care. He also suggested exploring the establishment of a centralized tracking system for psychiatric beds in order for local sheriffs or other agencies to more quickly determine where empty psychiatric beds are located around the state. Co-Chairperson Hancock commented that public safety and security related to the placement of geriatric inmates and psychiatric patients are primary concerns for the Committee. Co-Chairperson Worthan asked if it would be a good idea to parole or place geriatric inmates in a noncorrectional facility. Director Palmer responded that nobody who poses a threat should be transferred to another facility.

Department of Corrections. Dr. Harbans Deol, Medical Services Director of the DOC, presented an overview of the medical needs of the inmates under the custody of the DOC. He stated that the lifestyle decisions of many inmates prior to entering the correctional system requires the DOC to provide geriatric services to inmates as young as 50 years old, which greatly increases the medical costs. He stated 21 inmates have been diagnosed with dementia. There are approximately 1,700 inmates with more than one chronic disease diagnosis. He also noted the IMCC is not the only institution that houses geriatric and psychiatric inmates. Each institution in the correctional system houses geriatric and psychiatric inmates. Mr. John Baldwin, Director of the DOC, emphasized that most private nursing homes will not accept one or two inmates with a criminal background. However, he suggested that some private nursing homes may consider accepting inmates if 10 to 20 geriatric inmates were to be placed at the facility at one time. Mr. Joel Wulf, Iowa Department of Aging, suggested that Iowa's Aging Network through the Iowa Department of Aging could assist the DOC in the placement of geriatric inmates. Director Baldwin stated that the related executive branch study on inmate geriatric issues will provide the Committee with seven or eight options for the placement of geriatric inmates and psychiatric patients to review at the next meeting.

University of Iowa Geriatric Program. Dr. Judith Crossett, Director of the Geriatric Fellowship Program at the University of Iowa, spoke about the treatment and placement of geriatric or psychiatric inmates. She stated a person with dementia is most violent during the middle stages of the disease. She noted community mental health clinics including a free mental health clinic operated by University of Iowa medical students are great resources for people with mental illness and could be utilized by inmates or other patients. However, she emphasized the right facility may never exist for some people with mental illness. She informed the Committee that some of the challenges the state may face when placing geriatric or psychiatric inmates include the following: 1) a decision maker for the inmate will need to be identified; 2) nursing facilities do not want to accept younger patients; and 3) the state will need to open or locate a facility with a large staff to accommodate many of these populations. Senator Jack Hatch commented that much of this Committee's work dovetails with the Mental Health and Disabilities Services Study Committee and associated workgroups that will be making recommendations to the General Assembly.

Board of Parole. Ms. Elizabeth Robinson, Chairperson of the Board of Parole, stated that the board is open to working with the Committee regarding medical parole. However, she emphasized the board is also very concerned about

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public safety. Ms. Doris Kelley, a member of the Board of Parole, added that the board is also concerned about equal protection and other constitutional issues if a form of medical parole is instituted. Co-Chairperson Hancock commented that the Board of Parole should use its expertise and be a part of the solution.

Next Meeting. The second and final meeting of the Inmate Geriatric and Psychiatric Patients Study Committee will be held at the Capitol Complex on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the DOC Board Room, Jesse Parker Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

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